

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Committee of Visitors

OF

THE JOINT LUNATIC ASYLUM

FOR THE COUNTIES OF

MONMOUTH, HEREFORD, BRECON, RADNOR,


AND

CITY OF HEREFORD,

FOR THE YEAR MDCCCLV.

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REPORT
OF
THE VISITING JUSTICES

TO THE

SEVERAL COURTS OF QUARTER SESSIONS ASSEMBLED.

Asylum, December 20th, 1855.

The Committee of Visiting Justices of the Joint Counties' and City Asylum, have to report that the establishment continues to be well and efficiently conducted.

The daily average number of patients during the past year was 262; the actual number now in the asylum is 259, viz. : 114 males, and 145 females. About 15 additional males, and 10 additional females, could be conveniently received; and the number of male patients could be still further increased by making a dormitory on the attic floor, as has been done on the females' side.

The admissions during the past year were 98; the removals were—cured or relieved, 56; died, 39; sent back to the custody of friends, 2; escaped, and since found in custody of friends, 1; criminal, sent to Bethlem by order of Secretary of State, 1; total, 99.

One servant has been discharged for misconduct to a patient, with the other servants and with all the officers the committee are fully satisfied.

Additional employment has been obtained for the male patients by taking into the garden and levelling a piece of ground used during the construction of the asylum as a stone quarry.

The balance in hand of the repair-fund being £184, no farther call on the united counties and city will be at present required.

The weekly charge of 10s. for each patient cannot be reduced as long as the present high price of provisions continues.

(Signed) ARCHER CLIVE,
Chairman.



COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

County Asylum, Abergavenny,

July 30, 1855.

129 patients have been admitted since the last visit of the Commissioners on the 23rd of June, 1854.

Within the same period, 63 have been discharged and 45 have died.

There are at the present time 266 patients in the establishment, namely, 115 men and 151 women.

The men patients were generally tranquil, but several of the women were disorderly and noisy.

We found the wards and offices clean, and free from offensive smell, and the cultivated as well as the ornamental grounds, external to the airing courts, in good order.

The dinner provided for the patients was abundant, of good quality, and well cooked. It consisted of boiled beef, potatoes, and cabbage.

The third story on the women's side has been converted into a commodious and comfortable dormitory, and is at the present time occupied by 25 patients.

We repeat the recommendations made in the last entry of the Commissioners, as to the supply of furniture, improvement of the dress among the women, larger share of exercise for the refractory patients, and occupation of the vacant rooms contiguous to the laundry.

We urgently recommend that immediate steps be taken to complete the walk round the boundary of the estate, so as to

afford means of extended exercise to those women patients who are subject to occasional excitement.

We also recommend—1st, That a night watch be appointed on the men's side, and that the condition of the patients during the night time be regularly recorded by both nurses.

2.—That the division walls separating the two small airing courts from the larger ones be taken down.

3.—That the stock of amusements and means of occupation be increased.

4.—That some of the women patients be occupied in keeping their own airing courts in order, and also in light husbandry.

5.—That a list of the names of those patients who are not employed be occasionally made out, showing the assigned reason for non employment, and a like record of those who do not take extended exercise.

Provided suitable arrangements can be made we think a few of the men patients might be placed to live at the farm buildings.

We think it highly desirable that efforts should be made to obtain an additional quantity of land, either by renting or purchasing.

We have made several additional suggestions to Dr. Allen, with a view of advancing the condition of the inmates, and promoting the efficiency of the establishment.

(Signed)

G. GASKELL,

W. G. CAMPBELL,

Commissioners in Lunacy.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS
OF
The United Counties' Lunatic Asylum, Abergavenny.

Report of Medical Superintendent

FOR THE YEAR 1855.

A fourth year has now elapsed since the opening of this Asylum for the reception of the Insane Poor.

At the close of the year 1854 there remained in the Asylum 260 patients—110 males and 150 females. During the year 1855, 100 persons have been admitted, viz. 57 males and 43 females; of these, one male was a criminal lunatic admitted under the warrant of the Secretary of State.

The re-admissions during the year amounted to 14, viz. 6 males and 8 females.

The discharges during the year have amounted to 64, viz. 29 males and 35 females: of these, 28 males and 32 females were recovered or relieved; one male (a dangerous criminal lunatic) was removed to Bethlem Hospital by order of the Secretary of State, two females were discharged on the undertaking of friends to take proper care of them, but they were not improved in mind, and one female (an epileptic patient) succeeded in effecting her escape, when out for exercise with other patients; after some time it was ascertained that she had reached home in safety, and was under the care of her friends.

The deaths during the year have amounted to 39, viz. 24 males and 15 females ; 16 of the deaths occurred in persons advanced in life, varying from 60 to 80 years of age. The average duration of life in the whole number was 53 years.

The state of bodily health of the patients admitted during the year was "good," or "tolerably good," in 38 cases ; in the remaining 62 cases, it was "feeble," or "bad," and complicated with various diseases. The cases of "epileptic mania" admitted during the year have amounted to 18. The average daily number of patients resident during the year have been 262. There now remains in the asylum 257 patients, viz. 114 males and 143 females.

The general health of the establishment has continued to be very good, and no diseases of an epidemic or contagious character have prevailed.

One case of sudden death took place during the year, on which a coroner's inquest was held, and a verdict of "Died by the visitation of God" returned ; it occurred in an epileptic patient. She was seen by the night nurse about four o'clock in the morning, and was then in her usual state ; in two hours afterwards she was found dead in bed. A somewhat similar case occurred in the Somerset County Asylum about a year ago, and the visitors of that asylum requested the opinion of the Commissioners in Lunacy as to the necessity of holding inquests in such cases. Their opinion was, that in cases of such grave disease, where death might reasonably be expected to occur at any time, an inquest was not necessary. This opinion will form a guide for the future in similar unfortunate cases, where no suspicion can be entertained of the persons having come to their deaths by unfair means. One aged female, in attempting to rise from her chair when seated in the airing court, fell down and fractured the neck of the thigh bone ; another, a young woman, was seized with an epileptic fit, and in falling her arm came in contact with the

fire-grate; she was immediately removed, but before this could be done, she had received a rather severe burn on the external side of the fore-arm. One case of strangulated inguinal hernia occurred in a male patient. He is a violent man, and the strangulation was probably caused by his placing the truss on the hernia and not over it; it was after some difficulty reduced without operation, and he has now regained his usual strength. No other accident of any importance has occurred during the year.

A considerable proportion of the cases admitted during the year had, previously to admission, either attempted suicide or displayed strong suicidal propensities. In the majority of such cases, the quiet and regularity of an asylum, the moderately nutritious diet, and the absence of all cares and annoyances has had in a short time a surprisingly beneficial effect, both on the mental and bodily health: such cases are, however, very liable to relapse when they go out into the world, and have to undergo the cares and anxieties inseparable from their condition in life.

The hereditary taint and congenital deficiency of intellect combined, form a large proportion of the admissions during the year; it is however gratifying to state, that but one case of "idiocy" now remains in the asylum.

The supply of water during the year has not at any time failed; on the contrary, the quantity of this most necessary article has been abundant and satisfactory.

With the exception of the man-servant, whose misconduct the committee investigated and decided on, the conduct and attention of the attendants and servants in their respective duties has generally been good.

The established dietary continues to answer well, and, as usual, the only deviations from it have been on the grounds of sickness, and these have been few and unimportant.

J. S. ALLEN.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

Jannary 10th, 1855.

Gentlemen,

It gives me much pleasure to testify to the continuing and even growing attachment of a considerable number of the patients for the daily services in the asylum chapel: some from a desire to diversify their occupations, others from purely devotional feeling, (and even devotional instinct without understanding to direct it to its intended objects) are very regular attendants at these services; and their conduct on such occasions is decent and proper, conformable mostly to the example set them by their attendants. The services are varied by the introduction of psalm singing, chanting, and a running commentary on some of the portions of scripture which are read to them, and the reading of a few of the prayers in Welsh.

The sick whom I have visited have exhibited features calling for little fresh remark, being repetitions, with slight variations, of peculiarities already recorded.

In the supply of religious books, I have been guided very much by the head attendant, regulating it by a desire of affording the patients as few books to destroy as can be done without deprivation to any who desire to read, and are not too destructive.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM G. DAVIES,

Chaplain.

Summary of **ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, and DEATHS**

For the Year 1854.

	M.	F.	TOT.
In the Asylum 1st January, 1854...	101	133	234
Admitted during the year.....	44	62	106
	<u>145</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>340</u>
DISCHARGED.	M.	F.	TOT.
Recovered	13	18	31
Relieved	0	5	5
Not Improved	2	4	6
Escaped.....	0	1	1
Died	20	17	37
	<u>35</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>80</u>
Remaining 31st Dec. 1854.....	110	150	260

Summary of **ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, and DEATHS**

During the year 1855.

	M.	F.	TOT.
In the Asylum 1st January, 1855..	110	150	260
Admitted during the year	57	43	100
	<u>167</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>360</u>
DISCHARGED.	M.	F.	TOT.
Recovered	28	29	58
Relieved	0	3	3
Not Improved	0	2	2
Removed to Bethlem Hospital.....	1	0	1
Escaped.....	0	1	1
Died	24	15	39
	<u>53</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>103</u>
	114	143	257

STATISTICAL TABLES.

AGES OF PATIENTS ADMITTED IN 1855.

TABLE I.

From 10 to 20 years of age	....	6
„ 20 to 30	„	14
„ 30 to 40	„	25
„ 40 to 50	„	21
„ 50 to 60	„	17
„ 60 to 70	„	11
„ 70 to 80	„	4
„ 80 to 90	„	2
Total.....		100

Social Condition of Patients admitted in 1855.

TABLE II.

Married	.....	47
Single ..	.....	41
Widowed..	.....	12
Total.....		100

AGES OF PATIENTS WHO HAVE DIED IN 1855.

TABLE III.

From 20 to 30 years of age	....	4
„ 30 to 40	„	6
„ 40 to 50	„	6
„ 50 to 60	„	7
„ 60 to 70	„	9
„ 70 to 80	„	6
„ 80 to 90	„	1
Total.....		39

Forms of Disease in Patients admitted in 1855.

TABLE IV.

Mania (including Acute, Chronic, Intermittent, } Remittent, and Puerperal	}	73
Mania, with Epilepsy		19
Melancholia		5
Dementia		3
Total.....		100

Supposed Causes of Insanity in Patients admitted in 1855.

TABLE V.

Desertion	3
Disease of Brain	9
Disappointed Love	5
Drink	5
Epilepsy	19
Fright	3
Grief and over anxiety of mind.....	9
Hereditary and Congenital Causes	14
Injuries to Head from Falls or other Violence..	7
Jealousy	1
Pride	1
Religious Subjects	1
Causes unknown.....	23
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Total.....	100

Showing the occupation of 100 Patients admitted in 1855.

TABLE VI.

MALES.		FEMALES.	
Accountant	1	Agriculture	12
Agriculture	19	Dressmaker	1
Barber	1	Gardeners' Wives ..	3
Carpenters	3	Mineral Surveyor's } ..	1
Coker	1	Wife.....	
Colliers.....	2	Miners' Wives.....	5
Farmers	2	Mule Driver.....	1
Gardeners.....	2	Labourers' Wives ..	4
Groom	1	Labourer's Widow ..	1
Landing Waiter	1	Servants	10
Masons	5	Smiths' Wives.....	2
Miners	6	Tradesmen's Widows	3
Painter.....	1		
Printer.....	1		
Puddler	1		
Quarryman	1		
Schoolmaster	1		
Smith	1		
Tailors	3		
Criminal Lunatic....	1		
None.....	3		
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57		43	

List of Needle Work done by Female Patients

During the Year 1854.

Handkerchiefs	140
Chemise.....	271
Dresses	225
Day Caps	161
Aprons	88
Flannel Jackets.....	82
Flannel Petticoats	86
Twilled ditto.....	69
Linsey ditto	55
Pinafores	62
Pairs of Stockings	43
Night Caps	24
Pairs of Stays	12
Ditto Drawers	12
Night Gowns.....	6
Flannel Gowns.....	6
Pairs of Braces.....	24
Ditto Boots and Shoes bound	113
Sheets	114
Coarse Towels	66
Round ditto.....	12
Table Cloths	6
Tray ditto.....	6
Bed Ticks	37
Bolsters	38
Strong Bed Rugs	4
Also the Male and Female Patients Clothing repaired weekly.	

CHARLOTTE SIMON, Matron.

List of Needle Work done by Female Patients

During the Year 1855.

Shirts	116
Flannel Jackets.....	46
Chemise	169
Night Gowns	18
Ditto Caps.....	24
Day Caps	120
Stays	30
Petticoats	52
Neckerchiefs	362
Aprons	276
Pairs of Stockings	17
Dresses	150
Blouse	12
Drawers.....	12
Cloth Cloaks	8
Ditto Caps.....	18
Ditto Shawls	18
Pinafores	24
Pairs of Braces	22
Ditto Boots and Shoes bound	107
Mattresses	24
Bolsters	24
Strong Rugs ..	8
Dimity Curtains	6
Couch Covers	7
Sheets	117
Table Cloths	3
Towels	48
Roller Ditto	16
Glass Cloths	24
Pudding Ditto	14
Knife Ditto	12
Also the Male and Female Patients' Clothing repaired weekly.	
C. SIMON, Matron.	

DIETARY TABLE.—PATIENTS' DAILY ALLOWANCE.

	Bread.		Butter.*	Uncooked Meat, 20 per cent. allowed for Bone.	Vegetables.	Tea or Coffee.	Ale or Cider,		Additional Allowances for Working Patients.	
	M. Ozs.	F. Ozs.	M.F. Oz.	M.F. Ozs.	M.F. lb.	M.F. Pints.	M. Pint.	F. Pint.	Cheese. Oz.	M.F. Pint.
Sunday.....	16	14	1	5	1	2	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1
Monday	16	14	1	5	1	2	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1
Tuesday†.....	16	14	1	3	1	2	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1
Wednesday	16	14	1	5	1	2	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1
Thursday	16	14	1	5	1	2	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1
Friday	16	14	1	5	1	2	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1
Saturday‡.....	18	16	1	3	1	2	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1

Each Female Patient is allowed $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of Tea, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of Sugar, and 1 pint of Milk, Weekly.

Each Male Patient is allowed 2 oz. of Coffee, $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. of Tea, and $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of Sugar, Weekly.

The Tea and Coffee, being infused in bulk, produces 1 pint of good Tea morning and evening, for the Female Patients. One pint of good Coffee in the morning, and the same quantity of Tea in the evening, for the Male Patients.

The Female Patients employed in the Laundry, Kitchen, &c., are allowed Bread and Cheese, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.

The Male Patients who work in the Garden or on the Farm, as well as those employed as Bricklayers, Carpenters, Smiths, &c., are each allowed for Luncheon, Bread and Cheese, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer, and the same quantity of Beer in the afternoon.

* When Butter disagrees with the Patients an equivalent in the value of Cheese is allowed. † On Tuesdays the Meat and Vegetables are made into an Irish Stew. ‡ On Saturdays Peas Soup, Barley Broth, or Suet Puddings.

SCALE OF RATIONS

ALLOWED WEEKLY TO

OFFICERS, SERVANTS, AND ATTENDANTS.

	TO OFFICERS.	TO SERVANTS AND ATTENDANTS.	
		M.	F.
Meat	7lbs.	6lbs.	6lbs.
Bacon	1lb.	1lb.	1lb.
Beer	14 pints.	14 pints.	14 pints.
Butter	1lb.	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb.
Cheese	3lb.	$\frac{3}{4}$ lb.	$\frac{3}{4}$ lb.
Coffee	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	—	—
Flour	1lb.	1lb.	1lb.
Milk	$3\frac{1}{2}$ pints.	$3\frac{1}{2}$ pints.	$3\frac{1}{2}$ pints.
Sugar	1lb.	$\frac{3}{4}$ lb.	$\frac{3}{4}$ lb.
Tea	$3\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	3oz.	3oz.
Vegetables	7lbs.	7lbs.	7lbs.
Mustard	1oz.	1oz.	1oz.
Vinegar	$\frac{1}{4}$ pint.	$\frac{1}{4}$ pint.	$\frac{1}{4}$ pint.
Pepper	$\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	$\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	$\frac{1}{4}$ oz.
Rice	1lb.	—	—
Suet	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb.

TABLE OF LUNATICS AND IDIOTS chargeable to Parishes in the undermentioned Unions which have contributed to this Asylum, and were not therein during the year ending 31st December, 1855.

		Males.		Females.		Total.
Abergavenny Union	.....	10	..	15	..	25
Bromyard	ditto.....	14	..	8	..	22
Bedwellty	ditto.....	6	..	4	..	10
Brecon	ditto.....	6	..	12	..	18
Builth	ditto.....	8	..	14	..	22
Chepstow	ditto.....	6	..	6	..	12
Crickhowell	ditto.....	6	..	3	..	9
Dore	ditto.....	4	..	4	..	8
Hereford	ditto.....	11	..	20	..	31
Hay	ditto.....	5	..	13	..	18
Kington	ditto.....	5	..	4	.	9
Knighton	ditto.....	4	..	4	..	8
Ledbury	ditto.....	13	..	10	..	23
Leominster	ditto.....	5	..	5	..	10
Ludlow	ditto.....			No return sent.		
Monmouth	ditto.....	9	..	8	..	17
Newport	ditto.....	2	..	7	..	9
Newent	ditto.....	4	..	1	..	5
Pontypool	ditto.....			No return sent.		
Presteign	ditto.....	3	..	4	.	7
Rhayader	ditto.....			No return sent.		
Ross	ditto.....	1	..	6	..	7
Tenbury	ditto.....	1	..	0	.	1
Weobley	ditto.....	2	..	5	..	7
		125	..	153	..	278

TABLE showing the number of LUNATICS in this Asylum chargeable to the undermentioned Unions on the 31st day of December, 1855.

		Males.		Females.		Total.
Abergavenny Union	.....	14	..	15	..	29
Aberayron	ditto.....	0	..	1	..	1
Bromyard	ditto.....	3	..	2	..	5
Bath	ditto.....	1	..	0	..	1
Bedwellty	ditto.....	4	..	8	..	12
Brecon	ditto.....	3	..	5	..	8
Brecon County	.....	1	..	0	..	1
Builth Union	.....	2	..	3	..	5
Chepstow	ditto.....	5	..	11	..	16
Crickhowell	ditto.....	7	..	7	..	14
Dore	ditto.....	4	..	4	..	8
Hereford	ditto.....	10	..	11	..	21
Hereford County	.....	3	..	2	..	5
Kington Union	.....	3	..	3	..	6
Knighton	ditto.....	3	..	1	..	4
Hay	ditto.....	1	..	4	..	5
Ledbury	ditto.....	4	..	3	..	7
Leominster	ditto.....	5	..	6	..	11
Monmouth	ditto.....	6	..	10	..	16
Monmouth County	.....	5	..	5	..	10
Newport Union	.....	17	..	23	..	40
Pontypool	ditto.....	8	..	7	..	15
Ross	ditto.....	3	..	8	..	11
Weobley	ditto.....	2	..	4	..	6
		114		143		257

CONTRACT PRICES
OF THE
PRINCIPLE ARTICLES OF CONSUMPTION,
FOR THE YEAR 1855.

ARTICLES.	First Quarter.			Second Quarter.			Third Quarter.			Fourth Quarter.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Flour, at per sack } of 280lbs. }	2	14	0	2	12	0	2	14	9	2	15	0
Beef, at per Cwt. .	2	16	0	2	16	0	2	18	4	2	16	0
Mutton, ,, .	2	18	4	2	18	4	3	0	8	2	16	0
Butter, ,, .	5	2	8	5	2	8	4	18	0	4	18	0
Cheese, ,, .	3	2	2	3	2	0	3	2	0	3	2	0
Sugar, Raw ,, .	1	17	4	1	17	4	1	18	0	2	18	0
Ditto, Loaf ,, .	2	6	8	2	6	8	2	11	0	2	11	0
Soap, ,, .	2	2	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	2	2	0
Soda, ,, .	0	7	6	0	7	6	0	6	6	0	6	6
Rice, ,, .	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Salt, ,, .	0	2	3	0	2	3	0	2	0	0	2	0
Malt, per bushel ..	0	9	7	0	9	7	0	9	3	0	9	3
Peas, ,, ..	0	7	10	0	7	10	0	7	6	0	7	6
Hops, per lb. ..	0	3	6	0	3	6	0	3	6	0	3	6
Tea, ,, ..	0	3	2	0	3	2	0	3	4	0	3	4
Coffee, ,, ..	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2
Snuff, ,, ..	0	4	6	0	4	6	0	4	0	0	4	0
Tobacco, ,, ..	0	3	6	0	3	6	0	3	6	0	3	6
Ditto Roll, per lb.	0	4	4	0	4	4	0	4	4	0	4	4
Candles, Dips, ,, ..	0	7	6	0	7	6	0	6	6	0	6	6
Composites, ,, ..	0	10	6	0	10	6	0	9	0	0	9	0
Coals, per Ton ..	0	12	0	0	12	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
Potatoes, ,, ..	5	15	0	5	15	0	5	15	0	0	0	0
Vinegar, per Gallon	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2

SALARIES AND WAGES

TO

OFFICERS, ATTENDANTS, AND SERVANTS,

	£	s.	d.
*Medical Superintendent	350	0	0
†Chaplain	100	0	0
†Auditor	10	0	0
Clerk and Steward, and Clerk to Visitors	100	0	0
Matron	40	0	0
††Engineer	80	0	0
††Gardener §.....	47	0	0
†Baker and Brewer	54	0	0
†Carpenter	52	0	0
†Mason	43	0	10
†Stoker	15	6	8
†Farm Bailiff and a Labourer§	72	3	0
Porter	25	0	0
Nine Male Attendants	196	6	0
Eight Female ditto	103	5	0
Laundress and Assistant	25	11	0
Cook	18	5	0
Two Housemaids	24	0	0
Kitchen and Milk Maid	11	5	0
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	£1367	2	6

§ Of the above sums, £119 3s. 0d. is carried to Farm Account, and omitted under the head of "Salaries and Wages." in Financial Account.

* Have Apartments Furnished, Attendance, Firing, Candles, use of Dairy and Garden.

† Have neither Board nor Lodging.

†† Have Cottage, Garden, and Coals

Without a mark have Board, Washing, and Lodging.

Each of the Female Attendants and Servants, except the Cook, are provided with an Uniform, in addition to their salary.

Each of the Male Attendants, Gardener, Baker and Brewer, Farm Bailiff, and Porter, have to provide an Uniform, and are allowed £2 annually towards the cost thereof.

VALUATION
OF
STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, AND CROPS.

31st December, 1854.

LIVE STOCK.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
8 Cows	125	0	0			
2 Horses	60	0	0			
9 Fat Pigs	50	10	0			
23 Porkers	33	10	0			
5 Breeding Sows.....	16	0	0			
4 Young ditto.....	5	12	0			
1 Boar	2	2	0			
21 Small Stores....	17	0	0			
16 Sheep	27	4	0			
	<hr/>			336	18	0

DEAD STOCK.

Hay, 12 Tons	48	0	0			
Roots, 13 Tons	9	2	0			
Corn and Meal	6	5	0			
Potatoes, Parsnips, and Carrots	33	10	0			
Growing Crops	37	0	0			
Value of Implements	57	10	0			
Manure, about 45 yards	7	17	6			
	<hr/>			199	4	6
				<hr/>		
				£536	2	6
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VALUATION
OF
STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, AND CROPS.
31st December, 1855.

LIVE STOCK.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
6 Milch Cows	85	10	0			
1 Horse	33	0	0			
7 Bacon Pigs	29	15	0			
1 Boar	5	5	0			
14 Pigs—2 Sows, and 12 Suckers ..	10	0	0			
24 Small Store Pigs	17	19	0			
3 Sows in Farrow	7	10	0			
	<hr/>			188	19	0

DEAD STOCK.

Hay, 11 Tons	44	0	0			
Roots, 17 Tons	10	4	0			
Parsnips, 4 Tons	10	0	0			
Carrots, 1 Ton	2	10	0			
Potatoes, 14 Tons 10 Cwt.	58	0	0			
Onions, 9 Cwt.	2	14	0			
Meal	8	16	0			
Garden Seeds	0	15	0			
2 Carts	13	0	0			
1 Liquid Manure Cart	14	10	0			
1 Chaff Machine	5	0	0			
Steaming Apparatus.....	12	0	0			
Harness	5	0	0			
Wheelbarrows and Garden Tools ..	12	10	0			
Pikes, Rakes and Scythes	3	10	0			
Manure, 40 yards	7	0	0			
	<hr/>			209	9	0

GROWING CROPS.

Savoy and Drumhead Cabbage, Bore- cole and Brocoli, 15650.....	17	6	3			
Cabbage Plants, 5000	2	10	0			
Onions, Leeks, and Parsley.....	2	10	0			
	<hr/>			22	6	3
				<hr/>		
				£420	14	3

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL FARM ACCOUNT,

FOR THE YEAR 1855.

DR.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To VALUE OF LIVE STOCK, 31st of December, } 1854, as per Schedule	336	18	0	_____		
„ VALUE OF DEAD STOCK AND GROWING } CROPS, 31st December, 1854, as per } Schedule	199	4	6	_____		
				_____	536	2 6
To CASH PAID FOR LABOUR—						
Gardener	47	0	0			
Bailiff and Carter	72	3	0			
				_____	119	3 0
„ CASH PAID FOR STOCK—						
Four Cows and Calves	69	10	0			
One Horse	28	0	0			
Twenty Sheep	30	0	0			
Fifteen Pigs	26	11	0			
				_____	154	1 0
„ Cash paid for Tools, and repairs of ditto ..				_____	7	13 1
„ CASH PAID FOR PROVENDER, &c:—						
Corn, Meal, Seeds, Shrubs, &c.....	120	11	4			
Grains and Roots	15	7	2			
Hay and Straw	45	12	5			
Potatoes for Seed	3	0	0			
				_____	184	10 11
To Saddlery, Veterinary, &c.....	6	7	10			
„ Sundries	6	12	11			
„ Tolls	5	1	10			
„ Lime	2	8	0			
„ Shoeing Horses	1	17	0			
				_____	22	7 7
„ Estimated Value of Offal from Kitchen } and Brewery				_____	45	0 0
„ TITHE, TAXES AND RENT—						
Proportion of Tithe and Taxes	39	17	10			
Estimated Rent of 32 Acres of Land	72	0	0			
				_____	111	17 10
„ Balance					106	17 11
					_____	£1287 13 10

The balance as rendered in favour of Farming Account for the past year is smaller than that of former years, caused from the Horses (which are now disposed of) not earning half their cost of maintenance; and from the loss, by death of “Puerperal Fever,” of a valuable Cow.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL FARM ACCOUNT,

FOR THE YEAR 1855.

CR.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
BY VEGETABLES supplied to Asylum, & valued at Market Prices—						
Potatoes	81	4	3			
Cabbage and Brocoli	43	13	6			
Turnips	10	4	6			
Carrots, Parsnips, Beans, and Peas	47	13	6			
Potherbs, &c.....	24	14	3			
	<hr/>			207	10	0
„ CIDER AND FRUIT supplied—						
Cider 108 Gallons.....	3	12	0			
Fruit valued at	3	10	0			
	<hr/>			7	2	0
„ MILK AND BUTTER supplied—						
Milk, 3381 Gallons	112	14	0			
Butter, 869 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.	43	9	9			
	<hr/>			156	3	9
„ MEAT supplied—						
Beef, 3259 lbs.	81	19	6			
Mutton, 2163 lbs.	55	1	0			
Pork and Bacon, 7945 lbs.	199	2	5			
Veal, 361 lbs.	9	5	2			
	<hr/>			345	8	1
„ SALE OF STOCK, &c.—						
Cash for Horses.....	50	0	0			
Cash for Calves.....	7	5	0			
Cash for Pigs.....	46	17	0			
Cash for Tallow and Skins	22	1	3			
	<hr/>			126	3	3
„ Hauling 328 tons of Coals, at 1s. 6d. per ton	<hr/>			24	12	6
„ VALUE OF LIVE STOCK ON FARM, 31st Dec- ember, 1855, as per Schedule	<hr/>			188	19	0
„ VALUE OF DEAD STOCK ON FARM, 31st December, 1855, as per Schedule ..	<hr/>			209	9	0
„ VALUE OF GROWING CROPS, 31st Decem- ber, 1855, as per Schedule	<hr/>			22	6	3
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				£1287	13	10

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS.

Abstract of RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December, 1855, as prepared by the Clerk of the Asylum, pursuant to Statute 16 & 17 Vict, chap. 97, sec. 58.

RECEIPTS.

I.—FROM SALES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Live Stock	104	2	0						
Tallow	8	18	5						
Dripping and Grease	13	16	11						
Skins	13	2	10						
Barm	7	9	6						
Rags	1	0	6						
Bones	1	4	5						
Male Attendants, for Uniforms supplied } to them	33	3	9				182	18	4
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2.—Maintenance Account, from Unions and Counties contributing to the Asylum for Pauper Patients at 10s. per Week.									
Abergavenny	765	8	10						
Bromyard	122	5	10						
Bedwellty	330	0	0						
Brecon	217	8	7						
Brecon County	26	0	0						
Builth	117	17	2						
Chepstow	370	13	0						
Crickhowell	397	15	9						
Dore	223	7	2						
Hereford	593	17	6						
Hereford County	130	0	0						
Hay	112	11	5						
Kington	139	17	2						
Knighton	104	0	0						
Ledbury	235	11	5						
Leominster	281	2	10						
Ludlow	17	17	1						
Monmouth	446	14	1						
Monmouth County	285	2	10						
Newport	996	11	6						
Pontypool	425	47	2						
Rhayader	0	7	2						
Ross	273	11	6						
Tenbury	11	12	10						
Weobley	160	8	7						
Carried forward....	6785	19	5				182	18	4

RECEIPTS CONTINUED.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	67	8	5	182	18	4
3.—From Unions not Contributing to the Asylum, for Maintenance, &c., of Patients at 12s. 6d. per Week.						
Aberayron	32	10	0			
Bath	20	10	9			
Lampeter	11	19	4			
Newcastle in Emlyn	3	4	4			
	68	4	5			
4.—From Repayment of Expenses of Fu- nerals, &c.						
Abergavenny	3	6	0			
Bath	1	0	9			
Bromyard	1	0	0			
Bedwellty	0	5	0			
Builth	2	5	5			
Chepstow	2	0	0			
Crickhowell	0	2	6			
Dore	1	0	0			
Hereford	15	1	11			
Hay	0	8	0			
Kington	7	8	8			
Ledbury	1	10	0			
Leominster	1	11	3			
Monmouth	2	15	0			
Monmouth County	1	0	0			
Newport	4	0	0			
Pontypool	8	12	11			
Rhayader	1	0	0			
Ross	3	0	0			
Tenbury	1	0	0			
	58	7	5			
5.—From Treasurers of United Counties and City, for Repayment of Ordinary Repairs.						
Monmouthshire	123	2	6			
Herefordshire	95	0	0			
Breconshire	48	15	0			
Radnorshire	23	2	6			
City of Hereford	10	0	0			
				300	0	0
Total Receipts				739	5	9

PAYMENTS.

1.—Salaries and Wages.			£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Officers	600	0	0					
Attendants	299	11	0					
Servants ;—Indoor	104	1	0					
Outdoor	244	7	6					
[For number and description of Officers, &c., and their respective salaries & allowances, see page 25.]						1247	19	6
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2.—Provisions.								
Barley, Scotch, 3cwt. 2qrs. 14lbs.	4	10	0					
Butter, 4471lbs.	199	14	1 $\frac{1}{2}$					
Cheese, 41cwt. 2qrs. 8lbs.	128	16	3 $\frac{1}{2}$					
Coffee, 730lbs.	42	11	8					
Cider,	17	13	11					
Currants, 90lbs.	3	13	0					
Flour, 308 Sacks	831	9	9					
Meat, 29840lbs.	769	18	11					
Malt, 900 bushels	423	1	8					
Hops, 466lbs.	99	1	0					
Oatmeal, 140lbs.	1	4	6					
Peas, 20 bushels	7	15	0					
Potatoes	123	0	0					
Raisins, 136lbs.	3	2	4					
Rice, 7 cwt.	7	2	0					
Sugar, Loaf, 9cwt. 3qrs. 6lbs.	23	16	9 $\frac{1}{2}$					
Sugar, Raw, 64cwt.	120	12	0					
Tea, 1309lbs.	213	0	6					
Tobacco and Snuff	75	4	0					
Vinegar, Salt, Mustard and Spices	12	17	9					
						3108	5	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
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3.—Necessaries.								
Composites, 16 doz.	7	17	6					
Dips, 19 doz.	6	12	6					
Coals, 579 tons, 16cwt. 1qr.	331	15	8					
Soap, 36cwt. 20lbs.	75	19	5					
Soda, 30cwt. 3qrs. 17lbs.	10	14	0 $\frac{1}{2}$					
Starch and Blue	5	7	10					
Brushes and Mops	13	7	9					
						451	14	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
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4.—Surgery.								
Drugs	22	0	11					
Wine	2	18	0					
Extra Medical Attendance	32	12	0					
						57	10	11
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Carried forward						£4865	10	4

PAYMENTS CONTINUED.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward.....				4865	10	4

5.—*Clothing and Bedding.*

Linsey Woolsey	5	0	10			
Print for Dresses	10	16	8			
Shawls	9	18	0			
Bonnets and Ribbon	7	7	0			
Moleskin.....	12	13	7			
Calico	5	2	9			
Muslin for Caps	4	7	9			
Hats and Caps	4	14	11			
Flannel	13	1	2			
Leather and Groinery	28	6	11			
Check for Dresses	34	17	10			
Dowlas	35	9	4			
Slippers	2	8	0			
Handkerchiefs	8	8	0			
Hose	23	18	0			
Tailor	53	2	6			
Thread, Needles, &c.	30	9	7			
Cloth for Patients' Jackets..	33	1	6			
Cloth for Male Attendants' Uniforms	25	14	3			
Dresses for Female Attendants' Uniforms	19	14	10			
Bed Tick	21	11	3			
Jean and Ironing Blankets.....	3	0	3			
Duck Frocks.....	2	10	0			
Counterpanes	9	7	0			
Carpet	1	10	0			
Curtains.....	5	13	10			
Lining for Mantles	1	4	1			
Waterproof Sheeting	10	0	0			
Curled Hair	31	17	6			
Towelling	8	7	3			
Shrouds	3	9	0			
Flock	3	0	8			
				470	4	3

6.—*Ordinary Repairs of Building repaid by County Treasurers.*

Alteration of Drying Rooms, &c.	7	10	0			
Painter, Paper Hanger, &c.	39	10	0			
Oil, White Lead, &c.	41	3	7			
Furniture	8	9	8			
Sheet Lead....	6	8	2			
Slater and Tiler.....	13	18	1			
Stone	7	11	4			
Bricks and Tiles	7	6	6			
Cement	3	0	0			
Oak Quarter	1	7	6			
Surveying, &c.	2	13	4			
				138	18	0

Carried forward £5474 12 7

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward....	54	74	12	7		
7.— <i>Fittings, Repairs, &c., paid for out of Maintenance Account.</i>						
Window Glass	7	14	8			
Timber	24	2	1			
Lead	11	10	11			
Gas and Water Fittings	24	13	1			
Castings	10	4	10			
Ironmongery, &c.	98	2	11			
Lime and Elm	19	4	1			
Closet Pans	2	8	6			
Fire Bricks and Clay	6	12	0			
Cooper	2	9	0			
Tinman	7	17	11			
8.— <i>Garden and Farm Expenses.</i>				215	0	0
Horses, Cows, Sheep, and Pigs.....	154	1	0			
Labour	119	2	0			
Grains and Swedes	15	7	2			
Hay and Straw.....	45	12	5			
Seeds, Meal, and Corn	120	11	4			
Saddlery and Veterinary	6	7	10			
Sundries	6	12	11½			
9.— <i>Miscellaneous.</i>				467	15	8½
Tolls	5	1	10			
Insurance Rates, Tithes, and Taxes.....	79	17	5			
Carriage of Sundries	6	6	11			
Disbursed by Steward, repaid by Unions	19	13	7½			
Expenses recapturing escaped Patients ..	3	5	4			
Sweeping Chimneys	2	16	0			
Birch Brooms	0	11	0			
Sundries per Steward	13	8	11			
Earthenware, &c.	20	10	1			
Gutta Percha Utensils	5	0	0			
Baskets, &c.	3	16	5			
Repairing Clocks	0	17	0			
Letter Bag	1	1	0			
Charge per Treasurer	56	0	7			
Stationery, Advertising, Postage Stamps, } Periodicals, &c. }	75	1	1			
				293	7	2½
Total Payments.....	£64	50	15	6		

The average Weekly number of Patients during the year was 262.

Summary of Payments per Head per Week :

	s.	d.
Provisions	4	6¾
Clothing and Bedding	0	8¼
Necessaries	0	8
Salaries and Wages	1	10
Garden and Farm Expenses	0	8¼
Surgery and Dispensary	0	1
Fittings, Repairs, &c.	0	3¾
Miscellaneous	0	5¼
	9	3¼

Balance Sheet of General Account for the year 1855.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balances per Steward:—				Balance and Arrear as per Treasurer's } Account	86	18	5
Current Account	46	7	2½	For Salaries and Wages.....	1247	19	6
Repairs ditto.....	1	3	8	Provisions	3108	5	2½
				Necessaries	451	14	8½
From Sales of Stock, &c.				Surgery and Dispensary.....	57	10	11
From Unions and Counties for Main- } tenance, &c. of Pauper Patients.... }				Clothing and Bedding	470	4	3
From Treasurers of the respective } Counties and City in Union on }				Ordinary Repairs, &c. (repaid by } County Treasurers)	138	18	0
Repairs Account				Fittings, Repairs, &c., (Mainte- } nance Account)	215	0	0
				Garden and Farm Expenses	467	15	8½
				Miscellaneous	293	7	2½
				Balance per Treasurer ...			3
				Ditto per Steward.....			3½
					904	6	6½
					£7442	0	5½

S. BROWNING,
Clerk and Steward.

Examined and found correct,
A. WADDINGTON, Auditor.

ABERGAVENNY

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